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## MAKE THE "Y" YOUR HOME

Young man, make the Pine Street Y. M. C. A. your home while away from your real home. The "Y" affords the best possible accommodation, environment, protection and inspiration of any place in this great commonwealth. Private mail lock boxes, laundry service, meals, reading room, recreation, gym and swimming, billiards and checkers, telephone service, shower bath, hot and cold water, a place of broad contact; the center of civic, religious, social, professional, commercial and educational concourse. There is always something of special interest and attraction to see, attend, and to engage your mind, soul and body. Secure your rooms early for the the approach of fall and winter always crowd our dormitories.

## "Y" FALL OPENING WEEK OCT. 4TH TO 10TH

October 4th to 10th has been named as the Opening Week of all Association Activities. This will be a live week at Pine Street when each of the four departments of the work shall launch its program.

Sunday morning, October 4th, will mark the opening of the Bible Study, while that afternoon the Sunday Meetings shall begin with a National Speaker to deliver the opening message.

Educational, Physical and Social activities will follow during this opening week. The special attractions shall be free and open to the membership and public at large. Remember the dates, October 4th to 10th, 1925. Line up now for the Big "Y" Program. See Member-

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## GYMNASIUM CLOSED AUGUST 24TH TO SEPTEMBER 5TH

The Physical Department takes this means of announcing that the gymnasium will be closed for two weeks (Aug. 24th to Sept. 5th inc.) This is in line with our annual policy of thoroughly renovating the department at this time of year. The floor will be resurfaced and lined. Apparatus all gone over and everything will be in first class shape to start on our fall and winter program that is designed to serve the physical needs of the young men and boys of our community.

The shower baths and pool will be open as usual during this period. Classes in the pool daily at 1:30 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. Come in and keep cool in the "Y" pool.

## COMMONWEALTH FELLOWSHIP CLUB TO HAVE BIG FIELD DAY

Labor Day, September 7th, the Colored Fellowship Club of the Commonwealth Steel Company will conduct Big Field Day. This promises to be a feature of unusual prominence such as will challenge the interests of all employees and the administration. The event will be conducted on the Plant's Big Athletic Grounds at Granite City, Ill. Watch for special advertisement.

## CONFERENCE ON CONDITIONS IN AFRICA

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (ANP) —The Africa committee of the Committee of Reference and Counsel called an open conference on Africa to be held in Hartford, Connecticut, October 30 to November 1. The sessions of the conference will be held in the Kennedy School of Missions.

Some of the problems to be considered at this conference, which will be attended largely by representatives of mission boards having work on that continent will be: "Present Situation in Africa," "Educational Objectives in Africa," "The Education of Women and Girls," "Cooperation for Africa and Africans," as well as a consideration of problems in hygiene and public health, language and literature and in the reaching of the people in large cities and mining centers of Africa. Plans will also be

## REMEMBER YOUR PLEDGE

Remember your pledge to the \$3,000,000 Development Fund of the St. Louis Y. M. C. A. There will be a representative from Pine Street to call on you within the near future in the interest of your subscription. Receive him kindly and adjust your present installment. You may mail your payment to the Central Office of the "Y" or to Pine Street immediately, same will be greatly appreciated.

## FORREST SMITH SPEAKS AT MORNING DEVOTIONS

Mr. Forrest Smith, Assistant Secretary of the Paseo Y. M. C. A., Kansas City, conducted the lobby devotional service Tuesday (25th). He spoke from the subject: "Impotent Enemies."

Mr. Smith is enroute to Chicago and has passed this way to make a special study of the work at St. Louis and to visit his brother, Mr. B. G. Smith, Membership Secretary at Pine Street. He has given ten years of hard earned service as secretary at the Kansas City "Y".

## EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE PERFECTS FIVE YEARS PROGRAM

The Educational Committee at a recent morning session finally rounded out its program, governing the policy of the Educational Department for the next five years. The program is now ready for presentation to the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers for approval. Immediately following the approval by the latter a full announcement will be made relative to the courses of study, tuition, faculty and days of registration.

made looking toward the "World Conference on Africa," which is to be held during 1927.

Among the missionary and educational leaders who will address the conference are: Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, educational director of Phelps Stokes Fund, Dr. Homer L. Shantz, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Prof. Dr. Westerman, of the University of Berlin, Rev. Thomas S. Donohugh, associate secretary of the International Missionary Council and editor of the International Review of Missions.

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## Editorials

### A MUCH NEEDED CAMPAIGN

Following is an article taken from the September issue of the Crisis Magazine under caption "Education."

"We have 1200 students in Northern colleges and graduated 200 in arts; from our college we sent out 592 graduates. We have risen annually. Gratifying as this record is, it is below, far below our needs. If the Negro American is to keep abreast of this country intellectually he must graduate 3200 men and women from college each year instead of 800. This means redoubled, indeed quadrupled effort to send our sons and daughters to college."

It appears to me that there is no better field of real campaigning than that of enlisting our boys and girls in large numbers for college education. Hundreds of young men and women are rushing out into life without ample preparation only to hamper and be hampered in the great event of our present civilization which makes such a rigid demand for specialists in every walk and profession of life. I know of no greater field to set our forces to work than in the field of leading thousands of our youth into universities and colleges for preparation to serve. Mr. DuBois contends that we must graduate not 800, but 3200. I hold that even Mr. DuBois gives a very conservative estimate. We should graduate 8000 per year so as to raise the standard to a reasonable level of intellectual efficiency.

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ship Secretary and adjust your membership; see the Educational Director and elect your courses; see the Religious Secretary and choose your Bible Study courses, both Sunday and week day; see the Physical Director and get your assignment to a physical class.

## MUCH FROM LITTLE

Notwithstanding the fact that the motorman starts the car just as you reach it panting for breath, or fails to hear you when you have almost broken the glass to the "Front Entrance" and knocked your knuckles sore, the motorman is his "brother's keeper" and as such sets up some principles worthy of emulation.

Have you ever observed what desperate chances autoists and pedestrians take in rushing across a street car after the gong has sounded and the car has started moving? Did you notice the response or reaction of the motorman? What would have been the result had he responded as the flash came to your mind to react under the circumstances?

It seems that in the smooth running of traffic and the preservation of life in the streets of our busy city, the motorman at the wheel displays some strong traits of character through his exercise of patience, self-control and his unselfish regard for the other fellow.

Patience, self-control, altruism are masters in themselves. Cultivate them more, exercise them much. Mark your progress!

### AT STAFF'S BIBLE STUDY MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST

"Not Lost in the Flock" is the topic for discussion at the Staff's Bible Study. Monday morning, August 31st, 9:30.

The lesson will be led by Mr. Rankins, of the Physical Department. Mr. Chiles will relate current events.

## CHECKERS

The much cherished recreation and Lunch-time amusement feature is on display daily except Sundays in the northwest corner of Lobby. Many engage pleas-

### AT LOBBY DEVOTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 31ST

Mon., Aug. 31st—"The Real Gains and Losses", led by Mr. Kimmons.

Tues., Sept. 1st—"The Virtue of Proportion," led by Mr. B. G. Smith.

Wed., Sept. 2nd—"Prayer and Revolution," Mr. Chiles.

Thurs., Sept. 3rd—"My Share in the Miracle," Mr. Procopie.

Fri., Sept. 4th—"A Portrait of a Great Suppliant," Mr. R. K. Smith

Sat., Sept. 5th—"Faith and Ridicule," Mr. Kimmons.

### VISITORS OF THE DORM

Messrs. Oscar Mischeaux, E. Denniss, H. Childres, of New York.

Mr. G. B. Ashford, Little Rock

Mr. R. W. Lewis, Chicago

Dr. J. M. Lawson, Temple, Texas

Mr. J. H. Washington, Chicago

Mr. E. L. Bradford, Temple, Texas

Mr. Robert Wood, Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Jimmie Shentz, Little Rock

Dr. L. L. Brown, Sedalia, Mo.

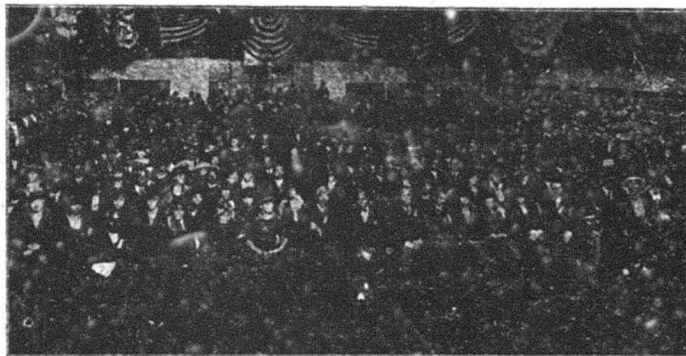
Mr. Forrest Smith, Kansas City.

### NOTICE!

Contributors to the "Pine Torch" have received the following notice this week from our Prom. Secretary:

"Some good article,  
On some good topic,  
By some good writer,  
Is wanted by one good paper.  
"PINE TORCH"

antly each day. It has really become the cosmopolitan spat of the "Y". When a man finds himself unable to play anything else, why he can actively engage in checkers.



Religious Work Department announces opening of Sunday Meeting Season Sunday, October 4th, 4 p. m., 1925. Expect 1000 to attend

### BILLIARD CAROMS

"The moving finger writes"  
 "And having writ moves on"  
 "Nor all your prayers nor tears"  
 "Can change one word of it."

Wherein the Acts of today are history tomorrow, make for a more careful life than if one should suppose that each day closes that accounts.

The healthful effect of Billiard playing may be noted among our members, the firm stand, alert walk, the easy swing of the body, the clear vision and above all else, the moral tone that honest competition alone can give.

Bennie Ridley piled up 21 points in continuous Pocket Billiards in his contest with Mr. Bawner of Chicago. This is high run for August.

The "Y" ALL BILLIARDS LEAGUE places their Defiance on record and the following members are Defenders of "Y" honors:

### STRAIGHT RAIL

Dr. H. C. Buster—F. A. Jones  
 Hutchins Inge  
 Bennie Ridley  
 Henry Stovall  
 William Cody  
 C. C. Wilson

### EIGHT BALL BANK

A. L. Harrison  
 F. A. Jones

### CONTINUOUS POCKET BILLIARDS

G. W. Draper  
 Wm. Waples  
 Ben Ridley—Clarence Chattin

### ROTATION

George W. Draper  
 Clarence Chattin

### BLACK BALL

A. L. Harrison  
 C. C. Wilson

### GOLF

Charles Bouyer  
 Fred Young

### CHICAGO ROTATION

Frank Mitchell

The matching of players resulted up to date in the following pairs:

### "Y" ALL BILLIARD LEAGUE— BILLIARD PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

Dr. H. C. Buster vs D. W. Bowles  
 Hutchins Inge vs Dr. Kelly  
 Ben Ridley vs Paige Brown  
 William Cody vs Carlisle

### THESE STRAIGHT RAIL MATCHES ARE FOR THREE STRINGS OF 50 POINTS EACH

D. W. Bowles and Dr. Buster play their first string Monday at 6:30 p. m.

Bowles broke and led with 5 to 8 counts up to the 35th when Buster came from an impossible lie and made a perfect gather and by careful nursing counted 37, then Bowles got his soft velvet kisses working and made his 48th with Buster at 42, but his miss on his 49th was just what was needed to steady Buster down for his much needed 5 which were acquire by two perfect MASSES and an open table nurse for the 6 shells needed and victory was the 'Y's.

Inge believes his speed and enurance will bring him victory over Dr. Robinson's draws and 3 rail plays and at 5:30 Thursday when they cross cues the fans will be given a real treat.

Henry Stovall finds his stroke ever so often and when he masters his stance, draw and masse, will be a real contender.

Mr. Lambkin has developed a deadly nurse and his three angle volleys are getting very narrow.

For speed and rapid strikes Ridley is in a class to himself and will let Paige Brown know that it is Billiards that he plays.

Fred Jones has come back and the Billiard fans must take note of this fact, for Fred has the same wizardry with the Cue that made Frank Ives the master of them all.

George Draper has his eagle eye upon continuous pockets supremacy and he still announces 'I wash 'em away.'

A. L. Harrison does Bank from the break and he believes himself the Bank Premier of our city.

### THROUGH THE TATTLER'S SPYGLASS

I am very proud of my new position since my salary has been raised. I am now drawing \$180.00 every month; \$90 to attend to other people's business and \$90 to let my own alone. I like it.

Mr. J. W. H. was asked what was his ideal conception of Heaven. He replied: "Frankly, fellows, my ideal Heaven is a big billiard room with twenty tables, plenty cold drinks with C. C., G. W. D., H. S. and Dr. B. there as angels. All I need then is a pair of golden slippers."

Mr. W. B. H. has gotten so sweet that he has to sleep with pails of water around his bed to keep the "Sugar Ants"

off him. He has to stay in doors during the day to keep the honey bees from lighting on him. He is rather restless.

I see Mr. C. A. D. wearing eye glasses—which is a true sign of love and jealousy.

I have known Mr. B. G. S. for three years. He is a fine chap. I saw him for the first time the other day with his lady friend. She was a brunette with blue eyes and a lovely disposition. It was dark and I couldn't see well without my glasses.

Wonder why R. K. S. has to go by the Cafeteria EVERY afternoon before going home from work?

Assistant Physical Director must have devoted his time, while at Camp River Cliff, to the study of the Darwinian Theory or to the review of the Scopes Trial: for he looked real apish about his chin upon his return. Be ware, my son! Beware!

"He who laughs last, laughs best." What about that brother who don't laugh at all? (F. S. B.)

I just can't understand it; I can't just stand under it fellows—A young man blows out of the Cafeteria after having taken a glass of ice water and just picks his teeth as though he had eaten a \$5.00 steak. Name him?

A certain dignitary is seen each morn reading the cross-word puzzle. It appears to me that to him the whole newspaper is a cross word puzzle and that he would find the comic section of far greater interest and certainly less complicated. (Chief inhabitant "Y" Lawn) J. W. H.



Our Boys at Camp River Cliff for  
 Last Session





Western Volley Ball Champions of Pine St. "Y" St. Louis who met the Eastern Champions of the Southwest "Y" of Philadelphia at the National Medical Convention, Wabash "Y" in Chicago, yesterday.

#### LAST 1925 SESSION OF CAMP

#### RIVER CLIFF OPENS MONDAY

#### 36 Boys Signed Up Week Before Train Leaves

The final session at Camp River Cliff for the 1925 season opens Monday, August 24th, when the Ozark Limited (Frisco R. R. arrives in Bourbon and dispatches its special carload of campers over the last six miles by automobiles.

This session, which is primarily for Older Boys, promises to bring the 1925 camping season to a fitting climax. Camp leader-

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At present the Association has a membership of 500 equally divided between the men and boys.

Mrs. Johnson is 65 years of age, born and reared in Warren County near Vicksburg. After growing into young womanhood, she was married to a Mr. Junius W. Johnson of Kentucky. The writer understands that they lived happily together until Mr. Johnson was killed in a storm a few years ago on one of his large plantations in the Mississippi Delta. He was a Baptist. Since that time his widow has continued to live

in the City of Vicksburg, where she is intensely interested in both Y. M. C. A.'s. On the Negro race. Mrs. Johnson has also given by her to her own race and one to ship will consist of Leon W. Steward, Camp Director; J. E. Cook, Associate Camp Director; Wilbur C. Woodson, Physical Director; Dr. G. Morris, Camp Physician; Rev. C. J. Stanley, Camp Chaplain; Mr. Jack Polk, Camp Chef; Elijah Baker and Charles Brantley, head life-guards; and ten trained cabin leaders. Among the lady guests will be Mesdames Leon W. Steward, James E. Cook and Wilbur C. Woodson.

HUNDREDS EAT DAILY

AT THE

Pine Street **Y** Cafeteria

and are satisfied